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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 3742  
Message-Id: <20041222093213.6B3583FE2F@srvr1.theporch.com>

BOATANCHORS Digest 3742

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by "James C. Garland" <4cx250b@muohio.edu>
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- 15) Re: Best boatanchor investment?  
by "john" <johnmb@nc.rr.com>
- 16) Re: Best boatanchor investment?  
by John Shriver <jshriver@internap.com>
- 17) faraday cage  
by Chuck Swiger <cswiger@widomaker.com>

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Cc: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: Re: Chippewa  
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Guys:

If you use any type of cleaner on your gear,  
it's imperative to thoroughly rinse it off with clean-  
preferably distilled- water. I used most of  
these products you mention at one time or another  
on some gear I cleaned in 1993-1996. I can tell  
which ones I neglected to rinse off, because they  
have the green corrosion around the screw heads.  
It took a few years to show up, but there it is.  
Barry and Mike told me that would happen, too.  
And it will keep on corroding until the original  
nasty is cleaned away, which is now much harder  
because it's embedded in the corrosion.  
The wages of sin.....

D.S.

David Hollander wrote:

> Hi Paul - I received an estate of equipment earlier this year and it had  
> been owned by a very heavy smoker. The stuff was yellow it was so bad.  
>  
> I had excellent success by spraying the panels/cabinets with Simple  
> Green.

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Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 07:04:44 -0700  
From: David Hollander <n7rk@cox.net>  
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
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I don't know what I was thinking when I wrote the message about simple green but I failed to mention that after the simple green treatment, I sprayed everything thoroughly clean with water and than left it out in the sun to dry.

Dave N7RK

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Dave N7RK                      Boatanchors Home Page: <http://members.cox.net/n7rk>  
Phoenix, Arizona                \*DXCC Honor Roll\*        \*WAZ#22 - 75 Meter SSB\*

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Boatanchor and Antique Radio Collector

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From: "Kevin Anderson" <k9iua@juno.com>

Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 14:42:14 GMT

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Cc: k9iua@juno.com

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Message-Id: <20041220.064241.25375.364740@webmail16.lax.untld.com>

Subject: FS in Dubuque, Iowa - HW-16 with HG-10B, HQ-110C (minus clock), Heath

I know we used to have some readers in the Eastern Iowa, northwestern Illinois, southwestern Wisconsin area, and southern Minnesota - I hope we still do as I have a few boatanchor items to part with for "local" pickup only:

HW-16        \$50 (or best offer)

This one was worked in 1999 when I attempted to fix the power supply circuits with an 80-80 mfd can I found and discrete electric caps (a 47 and a pair of 22's). It briefly worked, then abruptly died (fortunately with no smoke). It went into storage (as much was going on in life at that time and I was about to start my series of annual moves) and I haven't touched it since. Fairly clean and worth fixing. With original manual.

HG-10B VFO    - free for pickup

This worked excellent for me when I was using the HW-16 back in the mid-90s. It is physically in terrible shape, however. At one point its faceplate got melted and the case is dirty. But I recall it being electrically 100% solid. Will include with the HW-16.

HQ-110C (minus the clock) ham bands receiver    - \$100 or best offer

I acquired this from Walt Holling, N9MZIP, who did a good job in the late 1990s at fixing this up at the time. I've hardly used it. The clock was missing when Walt got the radio - and he put a nice plate and clear-plastic meter cover in its place, so it is just waiting for someone to add a replacement clock. I know the 2nd conversion stage needs some work, as it is "squirrely" sounding (like the L0 is not steady) and seemed somewhat deaf that last time I listened to it, which is about 2 years ago. Has been in storage since. About an 8 out of 10 in appearance. Dusty inside, with minimal rust on the chassis.

I0-13 (?) Heath oscilloscope -- free for pickup

I think this is the correct model of oscilloscope that I have. It is the old 5-Mhz scope. This one was given to me by the college I used to work at. With a manual, but no probes. The handle has rotted and come apart. It was working when the college gave it to me, although I have honestly not used it since. It has been in storage for five years.

I'm not a smoker. And I don't want to rip anyone off. I am just not in the "mood" anymore to collect BA radios except for the small S-38 collection I have. I can't do them justice. I'd like these radios to go to someone(s) who can make better use of them than I can. And when I say "in storage" - these radios have variously been in a climate-controlled storage room and basements - almost always wrapped for dust and on a shelf - and so should be in reasonable shape as I kept a periodic eye on them.

Please respond by e-mail: k9iua@juno.com. I read the digest version of the list, so a direct response is best for me to see it in a timely fashion. I'm sorry, but I am honestly not prepared to do the necessary packing for shipping to guarantee safe arrival (as a long-time reader of the BA list, I know how picky you all are). I am certainly willing to consider a relatively short drive - such as to the Quad Cities, Madison, Iowa City, etc., plus I get up to Minneapolis-St. Paul regularly to visit relatives (such as coming up with Christmas).

I hope someone is interested. Thank you in advance!

Cheers/73,

Kevin, K9IUA

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Kevin Anderson, K9IUA, Dubuque IA

k9iua (at) juno (dot) com

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From: "James Reid" <jreid@ci.santa-maria.ca.us>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

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I don't know about the rest of you, but I, for one, am getting really tired of seeing this same ad pop up month after month. Obviously no one here has any interest in purchasing it, so why keep up the advertisement? Take it to Ebay or on one of the newsgroups so you can REALLY get flamed. Don't get me wrong: I'm not trying to pooh-pooh selling stuff on this list. Some of the coolest radios I have were purchased from fellow members, but after about the 10th time of seeing this tuning unit, it seems a bit ridiculous. =  
Ok, Christmas spirit mode back on. Happy Holidays, gang.

-Jim

For sale:

One "rare bird" !! Range "F" plug-in tuning unit for the WW II Navy GP-7 transmitter. This unit has the tank circuits for the VFO, final and antenna tuning.

Perfect condition. Sacrifice: \$50.00 firm plus shipping/packing FOB Warner Robins, Georgia, USA. Personal checks are welcome and do not cause a delay.

Tel: (478)741-1710 in Macon, GA.

73,

Meyer Gottesman, W6GIV

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
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To remove marking pen ink ("Magic Marker" etc.) try lighter fluid, (not the butane!!!), or naptha. Varsol will also work. If the ink is set then "Goo Gone" or other similar substance may work.

Good luck,

73, Ed. VA3ES

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To remove marking pen ink ("Magic Marker" etc.) try lighter fluid, (not the butane!!!), or naptha. Varsol will also work. If the ink is set then "Goo Gone" or other similar substance may work.

Good luck,

73, Ed. VA3ES

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From: WA5CAB@cs.com  
Message-ID: <29.68da9b5a.2ef8643d@cs.com>  
Date: Mon, 20 Dec 2004 12:22:05 EST  
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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
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Groups,

Most of my Simpson 260's are Series 5's. And the three different 260 manuals that I have are not. Prefer original but would take copy. One of my 5's has a problem in the ohmmeter circuit and there seem to be enough differences between the Series 3 and the Series 6P that I have the manuals on and the Series 5 that I'm not sure what value component to use to fix the problem. ZIP is 77043 or see QRZ.COM.

73  
Robert Downs - Houston  
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<[wa5cab@cs.com](mailto:wa5cab@cs.com)> (Primary email)  
<[wa5cab@houston.rr.com](mailto:wa5cab@houston.rr.com)> (Backup email)

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To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
From: John Dilks K2TQN <oldradio@worldnet.att.net>  
Subject: Update - a bunch of radios, parts, paper and tubes in Palmer,  
PA  
Cc: "steve vollers" <svollers@vollers.cc>  
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Hi Gang,

Here is an update. I received the following email from Steve.....

Palmer, PA is next door to EASTON PA on the Delaware river! Not in  
West PA.

My DeLorme map search for Palmer pointed to the western part of  
Pennsylvania. I now see there is a "Palmer Heights" near Easton, perhaps  
that is it? It would have been good if he gave me the complete name the  
first time.

Update - I received several photos from Steve. Nothing was even a little  
interesting in the photos. The radios looked like real junkers, without  
knobs and they all had beat up cabinets. The tubes in the TV type caddies  
looked like TV tubes. He says there is more than what shows. Caviet Emptor.

73, John Dilks, K2TQN

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Hi Gang,

Here is a bunch of radios, paper and tubes in Palmer, PA. Palmer is  
located in western Pennsylvania, near Lake Erie, between Cleveland and  
Buffalo. Please contact Steve directly.....

"steve vollers" <svollers@vollers.cc>



Here are his two emails.....

I found your email address off the Internet and felt you might want to know about the contents of a self-storage unit I bought at public sale last week... It is in Palmer, PA and is a 10x20 unit which is about waist deep in old radios, TV's and thousands of tubes... I don't know one from another but they must have come from an old Radio/TV shop as there is lots of vintage test equipment and one of those Zenith carrying cases the serviceman would bring into your home and put a new tube in your TV set... I need to dispose of this units contents ASAP. I did take some digital photos of the antique radios.... what do you think? Maybe you can point me to a local collector if you know of any. there are also lots of old radio parts etc...porcelain insulators, etc...

\*\* 2nd email with photos.... (You will have to request the photos from Steve....)

Besides these pictures there are MANY old clock radios, Sony betamaxs, vintage Sony trinitron TVs, crates of manual, paperwork, re-built TV tuners, a couple very old (I am guessing the '30s) oscilloscopes and other test equipment. I am looking for a lump-sum buyer of the unit contents. There are a HUGE # of tubes and spare parts.

73, John Dilks, K2TQN

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Message-ID: <000701c4e707\$34d3f570\$6400a8c0@Mongo>  
From: "Paul Monroe" <pmonroe@charter.net>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
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I want to thank everyone on the list who took the time and trouble to help me out with some hints on removing the nicotine "varnish" from the front panel of my Chippewa. Here's a summary of what was said:

Russ and Greg correctly pointed out that the nicotine actually does a good job of protecting the surface of the panel. The lettering is perfectly legible underneath that brownish stuff.

The basic idea seems to be to use either a commercial cleaner or a mild solution of detergent or house hold ammonia, test an inconspicuous area of the panel and from there go slow. Once done, rinse thoroughly to make sure that no ionic residue from the cleaner remains and then dry.

The chippewa has a large plastic estucheon that is an integral part of the panel so I will have to be careful not to use anything that might attack the plastic.

I plan to remove the front panel in it's entirety and then get the goo off. As suggested, a little bit of Naptha might be useful in getting the "permanent" marker off. I have found that 90% isopropyl alcohol also does a good job with permanent marker.

I will just have to check out the meter myself. I do have a precision, current limited power supply that can put out up to 6KV. I use it for hipot testing so, once the panel is off and I can isolate the meter, I will test it to see if the zero adjuster is insulated or not.

A note of historical interest. I actually got the rig from K9RIJ. Bob in turn bought it a number of years ago from the original builder, N9KV who, at 85 is still very much alive and kicking... heavy smoking or not. I believe that Ray is originally from the Janesville area and after returning from WW2 and going to college to get an EE degree, worked for a few years in industry and decided that he wanted to work for himself.

Ray started Blackhawk Networks, and designed and manufactured crystal filters well into the 80's. (In 1987, Ray designed and built some bandpass xtal filters for me when I was doing a test equipment project for a local manufacturer). For those of you that have a Heath SSB filter rig, take a look inside. The chances are very high that the filters were made at Blackhawk. Hallicrafters and NASA were some of Ray's other customers.

The power supply for the rig is home brew and had some interesting features. To limit current inrush at turn on, Ray took an electric flat iron heating element, bolted it to the PS chassis and wired it in series with the plate TX. The heating element had a 115V relay accross it's terminals. When the primary switch was closed, the 15 ohm resistance of the flatiron limited the charging current to the 100uF 4KV filter capacitor (GE Pyranol, PCB's, the whole lot) to 1 amp. Once the capacitor was charged up the current quickly fell off and the voltage accross the flatiron dropped below the holding voltage of the relay. The relay turned off, shorting the flatiron out (and latching the relay in the off position) and the PS was ready to go to work.

I intend to interview Ray and maybe get his story written up in ER or the Old Radio section of QST.

I'll keep the list posted as things move along. Meanwhile, here's wishing

everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and peaceful New Year.

73,

Paul, W9MEH

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From: "Freeberg, Scott (STP)" <Scott.Freeberg@guidant.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Hi Paul, I didn't see anyone mention my favorite, GOJO hand cleaner =  
(WITHOUT PUMICE) and a toothbrush. I bought a 75A4 from California =  
several years ago and I was disappointed at its faded paint and worn out =  
condition when it arrived. I actually studied the wrinkle finish with a =  
high power magnifying glass and discovered the valleys were filled with =  
something. I subsequently realized the radio was coated in nicotine. It =  
didn't smell though. I tried Windex and it didn't remove a thing. =  
Someone on the Collins list suggested GOJO and a toothbrush so I tried =  
it. What a mess. I probably went through a whole roll of paper towels. =  
I would dab an area maybe 4 or 5 inches, scrub it with the soft bristle =  
tooth brush, let it set for a minute, wipe with a clean paper towel, =  
repeat. It took several applications to totally remove the grime. I =  
was alarmed at first when the paper towel would come up black or brown. =  
I was hoping that was grime and not original finish !!!!! When cleaning =  
around the silkscreening, I did back off quite a bit and not apply as =  
much pressure or vigor :) The clean up results were incredible. The =  
75A-4 looks brand new. The finish has a beautiful luster and sheen.=20

The knobs were dull, crappy, and pitted as well. Brasso was recommended =  
to me. So I took each knob off, used a clean soft rag, and would rub =  
the Brasso until I was satisfied with the finish. The ham giving the =  
Brasso recommendation said I could shine up those knobs until they were =  
like little mirrors :)))))) The knobs cleaned up fine. =20  
I used the brasso on the escrutchen as well. =20

Oh a name from the past K9RIJ. I know K9RIJ Bob from Milton, great guy. =  
We were members of the Tri-Country ARC.

73, Scott WA9WFA

<http://www.qsl.net/wa9wfa>

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Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 09:58:21 -0500  
From: W9MWS@aol.com  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Subject: ARRL Handbooks 1947 and newer and Radio Handbook 1949  
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Message-ID: <6E0FE432.3B1EF26B.0000F9C7@aol.com>  
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I have the following Handbooks that need a new home:

C 1947 Fair Condition. Covers missing, however, pages are all there and in good shape. \$15

C 1949 Fair Condition. Covers are missing, however, pages are all there and in good shape. \$15

C 1953 Good Condition. Complete. \$20

C 1958 Good Condition. Complete. \$20

C 1962 Good Condition. Complete. \$20

C 1967 Good Condition. Complete. \$20

C 1978 Good Condition. Complete. \$20

C 1990 Hard Cover edition. Good Condition. \$25

C 1994 Hard Cover edition. Good Condition. \$25

Radio Handbook, 12th edition, C 1949, Hard Cover in good condition. \$15

All prices are PLUS shipping from ZIP 46835

If someone wants all of these as a package for a collection, \$150 plus shipping (Book rate - slow boat).

Thanks, 73 and Happy Holidays

Mike W9MWS

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Date: Tue, 21 Dec 2004 10:06:33 -0600

Message-ID: <42ECC21B33DFF245BAFAF57274BA5CE5016EC368@stpmse04.stp.guidant.com>

From: "Freeberg, Scott (STP)" <Scott.Freeberg@guidant.com>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

I've been intrigued by, and interested, in the Hallicrafters FPM-300 and =  
FPM-300 Mk II transceiver. Are there any owners on the list that can =  
tell me about the radio. How well does (did) it work? Is it a quality =  
built radio, or a prototype quality, or piece of junk? What were the =  
differences between the 300 and the 300 MK II? =20

Why wouldn't a radio like that be popular in a facedown with the Yaseu =  
FT-101? Or should I ask why wasn't it popular? Was it a money thing, a =  
quality thing, or a bad timing thing? At least on the surface, it looks =  
like Hallicrafters made a transition to a solid state transceiver with =  
tube driver and final, like Yaseu and Kenwood. What happened?

Is anyone using it as a daily driver? What sort of accessories were =  
offered with it? Any 300's or 300 MK II's for sale?

73, Scott WA9WFA  
[www.qsl.net/wa9wfa](http://www.qsl.net/wa9wfa)

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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 07:26:48 -0500

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

From: "James C. Garland" <4cx250b@muohio.edu>

Subject: Best boatanchor investment?

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Hi Gang,

So who collects boatanchors as an investment? None of us, I'm  
sure. Still... it's always fun to see that SX-88 on the shelf grow in  
value each year. Everybody knows that the Collins KW-1 is the most  
expensive vintage rig one can own. But which radio is the best investment,  
by which I mean, which radio today commands the highest multiple of its  
original purchase price?

Here's my vote: the humble Heathkit AT-1. A nice one sold recently on eBay  
for \$265

(<http://cgi.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewItem&rd=1&item=5737124617>). As I  
recall, I shelled out \$35 for mine, back in 1955, which means that the  
little rig has grown in value by almost 8 times. Anybody got any better  
examples? (As you can tell, I don't have much to do this mornng.)

73,  
Jim Garland W8ZR

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From: Avery Comarow <acomarow@usnews.com>  
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Jim et al,

I don't have one, but how about the Ameco AC-1? I think it was under \$20 back in the same era as the AT-1. One went for \$255 on ebay Dec. 12, a multiple to die for. The key, obviously, is a low original sale price.

(I DO have better things to do with my time, but I choose not to do them.)

Avery W3AVE  
Potomac, Md.

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From: "john" <johnmb@nc.rr.com>  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 08:59:03 -0500  
Subject: Re: Best boatanchor investment?  
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How about the unbuilt AT1 that sold on Ebay a couple years back.  
Seems to me, it was sold to the MIT ham club, then never opened  
(could it have been too plebian for MIT?). As I recall, it sold  
for a price in 4 figures...

John K5MO

On 22 Dec 2004 at 8:13, Avery Comarow wrote:

> Jim et al,  
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> I don't have one, but how about the Ameco AC-1? I think it was under \$20  
> back in the same era as the AT-1. One went for \$255 on ebay Dec. 12, a  
> multiple to die for. The key, obviously, is a low original sale price.  
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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 09:22:34 -0500

From: John Shriver <jshriver@internap.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>

Subject: Re: Best boatanchor investment?

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=ISO-8859-1; format=flowed

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You have barely covered inflation. According to the inflation calculator on the web, \$35 in 1955 dollars (an ounce of gold?) is \$228.88 in 2003 dollars.

But, covering inflation is a lot better than a lot of other things one could have bought in 1955.

James C. Garland wrote:

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Date: Wed, 22 Dec 2004 09:31:18 -0500  
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>  
From: Chuck Swiger <cswiger@widomaker.com>  
Subject: faraday cage  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
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Hi Gang - Can anybody speak from experience to building a faraday shielded chamber for experimenting for sensitive front end amplifiers? I have a couple of strong local stations within a couple of miles that obliterate any meaningful measurements on the breadboard - so I made a simple cage from inexpensive Al flashing from the lumber yard, but danged if they're still getting in there! I'm still trying things but appreciate any words of wisdom, like is a good earth ground essential? (I'm in a 2nd fl apartment)

--Chuck  
kb4new

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